

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 21, 2002
1647 E. Morten, Training Room

Members Present: Dr. Robert Vavrick, Taylor Payson, Mark Stroh, Mark Venuti, Dr. Kay Lewis, Jerry Stein, Jan Hauk, J. Marty Dernier, Roy Ryals, Dr. Michael Ward, Scott Butler, Ed Neville, Dr. Peter Vann, Gitti Silven, Rick Barte, Gary Bradbury, David Cheney, Patty Seneski, and Pat Andrews.

Members Absent: Dr. Richard Carmona, Marilyn Price, Dave Samuels, Therese Williamson (Dunn), Charlie Smith, Sgt. Richard Thacher, Bob Ramsey, and Dr. Michel Sucher.

Guests Present: Gregg Boyer, Kurt Krumperman, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Sandy Scott, Janine Anderson, Gene Zehring, Kevin Keeley, Brian Smith, and Eli Steven Zapata.

BEMS Staff Present: Larry Heidenberg, Peggy Lahren, Lorenzo Henry, Judi Crume, Pennie Klein, Dona Marie Markley, Betty Yunick, Robin Clark, Victor Dominguez, Donna Meyer, Susan Nicolas, and Howard Schwartz.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice Chair, Dr. Vavrick, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Lewis and seconded by Mark Stroh to approve the minutes of April 26, 2002 with one correction (change Dr. Michael Ward from absent to present) and the amended agenda for June 21, 2002.

Motion carried.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Judi Crume, Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Council.

- The Legislature completed the 2003 budget
- EMS budget appropriation remains the same
- Tobacco referendum will increase tax for cigarettes by 60 cents per pack
 - It will go to the vote of the people in November
 - If this goes through this would be used for trauma utilization.
- The new Arizona Department of Health Services' building will be located at the Capitol Mall near 1740 W. Adams. They are in the process of constructing it and also a new State Lab
- DHS is working with the fire authorities regarding the fires up north
 - Navapache Hospital has been evacuated as well as other healthcare facilities
- The Bureau will be working on the Rural AED Program this summer – HRSA Grant Application 12.5 million dollars (placement and training) working together with several agencies. The grant application is due July 14, 2002.
- Council appointments that are expiring will not be reappointed. Judi Crume requested nominations be sent to her.

Roy Ryals asked if it was possible to get a report on the level of funding of the 2171 for the next meeting.

Item: Level of Funding of the 2171
Follow Up: EMS Council Meeting
When: October 25, 2002

IV. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS/PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

Dr. Vavrick presented Loyalty Oath Certificates to:

- Jerry Stein
- Rick Bartee

Dr. Vavrick presented Loyalty Oath Certificates and Certificates of Completion for Orientation and Ethics Training to:

- Taylor Payson
- Gary Bradbury

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Update – Dr. Vavrick reported that there is one vacancy on the Council in the “Representative of a Volunteer Medical Rescue Program”. There are three positions in the process of being filled:

- “A Physician Specializing in Emergency Medicine From One Of The Local Emergency Services Coordinating System (Southeastern Region)” by Dr. Daniel Spaite
- “An Ambulance Service Corporation Representative” by Neal Thomas
- “Lay Member – Central Region” by Dr. Willie Minor

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Committee – Dr. Kay Lewis made a motion and seconded by Mark Venuti that the EMS Council approve the recommendations made by Education Committee in the agenda packet of June 21, 2002 Item VI A1 (LMA in a clinical setting for Paramedics and EMT-I Students), Item VI A 2 (Combitube or like device in Prehospital Setting for EMT-Basic) and submit them to the Department for review and possible acceptance.

Motion carried.

Item: Status of Education Membership and Bylaws
Follow Up: Education Meeting
When: September 27, 2002

Dr. Kay Lewis asked if anyone is interested on being on the committee to let her know. There will be a meeting on July 9, 2002 regarding the Equipment List at Phoenix College and this is an open notice.

B. Rules Committee – The Rules Committee did not meet.

C. Budget Committee – The Budget Committee did not meet.

- D. Executive Committee** – The EMS Council Executive Committee met on June 20, 2002. The committee decided that they would meet on a regular basis, on an as needed basis, and also an urgent basis to advise and assist the director. The next meeting will be held July 16, 2002 at noon at the Flagstaff Office.

It was recommended by the committee:

- That they report to the Medical Direction Commission as well as the EMS Council
- The Bylaws have standard language and be consistent in format and where they are different have that stand out
- The purpose of each committee and subcommittee needs to be reviewed with the input of the committee chairmen.
- The membership of each committee should be reviewed and updated with the input of the committee chairmen
- Definition of a quorum be changed to “members present”
- For voting purposes, more than one person needed to be present
- The committee voted unanimously that the EMS Council Executive Committee should be involved in reviewing hospital diversion
- In terms of each of the standing committees or ad hoc committees, the EMS Council Executive Committee did not make any changes
- Request was made to Judi to pursue looking at what our options are with membership reappointment
- The Bureau is looking into ways to do teleconferencing
- The EMS Council Executive Committee discussed changing the sequence of EMS Council and Medical Direction meetings to have the Medical Direction Commission meet before the EMS Council to speed the committee process along. This will go to the Director of ADHS for approval

VII. RULES STATUS REPORT

- A. Hazmat** – A final Hazmat protocol was adopted to exempt rulemaking. A letter stating what the department has adopted was sent out to the statutory committees. Since the protocol deals with the practice of an EMT we are able to make modifications.
- B. Drug Box** – Based on recommendations of the statutory committees and stake holders, there were changes made to the drug box. The Acting Medical Director made a final decision as to what would be included within the drug box.

A notice of correction dated June 14, 2002 (EMT-P and Qualified EMT-I Drug List and the EMT-I Drug List found in exhibit 1), correction on the concentrations of Furosemide should read 40 mg/4 mL., and Bumetanide should read 0.25 mg/1 mL., and an updated drug box list was distributed to the committee.

1. **Amiodarone Added to the Drug Box as an Optional Drug –**
Mark Venuti asked whether we will be notified if there is a change in the drug box contrary to what is determined at the standing committees or by the Acting Medical Director. Mark Venuti asked if Dr. Sucher was aware of the fact that EMT-Is can't transfer people on antibiotics. This will not be an issue in two years. It was recommended that better records to be kept.

Dr. Crume apologized about not letting the committee know ahead of time about adding Amiodarone as an optional drug to the drug box. It was not known that this decision was contrary to any of the committee's decisions. It was recommended that the EMS Council Executive Committee serve as check valve.

The groups discussed ways to follow in the future so this does not happen again. The Medical Director of that entity would make the decision if Amiodarone would be carried in the drug box.

Discussion ensued about monitoring blood and clarifying the rule for hanging blood.

Discussion ensued regarding adding Amiodarone as an optional drug on the drug list for EMT-P and Qualified EMT-Is. The group felt it was a good idea.

- C. **Priority List Status Report – Allow ALS students in clinical training settings to use drugs not authorized under R9-25-803.** The purpose is to teach the student a process/procedure under the direct supervision of a nurse/physician/practitioner who is authorized to use that drug. There is nothing in the existing rule that would preclude that. In the new Chapter 25 Rule Revision this issue is addressed. It was recommended that the student be assured that there is a clinical agreement between the training program and the hospital where they agree these medications should be administered.

1. **Identification of which EMT-B skills require medical direction**
The Bureau is currently looking into the legal interpretation of the statute, which is written that all EMT's have administrative medical direction and that all advanced procedures be performed under on-line/off-line medical direction. In the new rule chapter 25 revision this issue is addressed.

Ramifications of the rule revision were discussed. The Council felt that we should get clarification of the opinion in writing as to what the intent is. The wording in statute also should be reviewed.

There is a possibility of having another meeting before October 26, 2002 to discuss this issue. The Bureau will keep the council informed of its status.

Item: Every EMT must have administrative medical direction

Follow Up: Discuss with the Assistant Attorney General

When: ASAP

Item: Identification of which EMT-B skills require medical direction

Follow Up: EMS Council

When: Before the next scheduled meeting of 10/26/02

2. **Combitube Protocol for EMT-B** – There is no action on this yet.
3. **New Arizona EMT-B Curriculum** – As part of the Chapter 25 rule revision all of the EMT-B curriculum will have some modifications and/or additions. Still checking on any changes to the US DOT Basic Standard to see if there are any updates. To be completed with the Chapter 25 Rule Revision.
4. **Air Ambulance Rules** - The Air Ambulance Rules are targeted for future revision. They will be added to Chapter 25, and repealed in Chapter 13.
5. **Chapter 25 Rules** – Articles 1- 6 are being revised. The intent of the Bureau is, in the next 6 weeks, to form 3 Focus groups with crossovers to look conceptually about some of the issues. Based on those meetings a document will be distributed to the statutory membership. The Rules Committee will also look at the document, and then get the final input from the stakeholders and the community.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – No old business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

X. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

- A. **2002 Legislative Session Meeting** – Dona Markley highlighted some of the bills that were recently signed by the Governor that would affect the EMS Community.

XI. REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. **Central** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. EMS Odyssey 2002 was held on June 13th and 14th and was successful. The central region is having some trouble getting the EMS and Trauma Needs Assessment Profiles back and these have an August deadline.

- B. Southern** – A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The first test run of the New Trauma Protocol will be August 16 through the 22nd. They are starting a massive educational process with all the facilities and their training programs to bring them up to speed. Dr. Carmona's application process has been completed and he is waiting for a date for the confirmation hearing.
- C. Western** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. Rod Reed from Yuma Fire Department was awarded the RFP to be Executive Director for Western Arizona EMS Council and is replacing the services of Bob Weber and Sequoia Management Services. Changes of phone and address will follow. Moving forward on the EMS and Trauma program.
- D. Northern** - A copy of the report is available through the Bureau. The northern region is having a problem getting the EMS and Trauma Needs Assessment Profiles. Hired Jerry Gunn who is calling people and trying to fill out forms over the phone.

XII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Vavrick made a call to the public. Kurt Krumperman from Rural Metro commented on the issue of students not being able to give medication from the drug box. His feeling was that from an educator's point of view if you limit the educational experience to the technique you are bound to have mistakes. Modeling is very important in education.

XIII. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southwestern Regional Trauma Conference will be held September 26th and 27th at the Tucson Convention Center.

XIV. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held October 25, 2002.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Approved by EMS Council 10/25/02